

CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that bids for the crushing and stockpiling of gravel will be received by the Flathead County Board of Commissioners. Material will be stockpiled at Contractor's pit location and removed by Flathead County in the spring of 2016 to be placed on a portion of KM Ranch Road in Flathead County. Flathead County will provide an operator and loader to remove material from Contractor's pit. Pit location to the project may be a consideration in awarding this project.

The work contemplated consists of crushing and stockpiling the following:

1" MINUS CRUSHED GRAVEL WITH BENTONITE

Project consists of producing approximately 11,000 tons of 1" inch minus crushed gravel at the contractors pit in Flathead County. Flathead County has budgeted \$90,000 for this material and reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to meet the budget. Crushed material to meet specifications below. Crushed material shall include 1/2" minus crushed bentonite with less than 16% moisture content and free swell greater than 16cc to achieve Plasticity Index as required. Contractor shall determine the amount of bentonite to achieve gravel that meets the specifications.

PERCENTAGE BY WEIGHT PASSING SQUARE MESH SIEVES

<u>Sieve Size</u>	<u>Job Mix Target Bands</u>
1"	100 %
3/4"	80-90%
1/2"	60-80 %
No. 4	50-70 %
No. 8	37-60 %
No. 40	13-35 %
No. 200	8-18 %
LL	35 max
PI	6-12%

The above gradation bands represent the job mix target limits, which determine the suitability of aggregate for use. The final job mix target gradation must be within the specified bands and uniformly graded from course to fine and not vary from the low limits on one screen to the high limit on the adjacent screen, or vice versa.

Not less than 60% of coarse aggregate particles by weight shall have at least two mechanically fractured faces (ASTM D5821).

Contractor performs sieve analysis (AASHTO T27 and T11) and liquid limit (AASHTO T89 Method A & T87), and plasticity index (AASHTO T90) every 1,000 tons.

Actual amounts to be crushed shall be determined based upon quantity and unit prices. Crushed material to be weighed on scale at contractor's pit when material is removed by County forces. Payment for material will be determined by these weights and invoiced accordingly by contractor to County. Anticipated schedule for removal is April, May and/or June, 2016. Material crushing must be completed before April 1, 2016. The County will provide a loader and operator to load County trucks at contractor pit.

Bid proposals must be submitted on a form to be provided for the purpose, addressed to the Board of County Commissioners, 800 South Main, Room 302, Kalispell, MT 59901, and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked, "**Proposal for Crushing and Stockpiling Gravel.**"

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a proposal security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of his bid to secure the bidder's express covenant that if the bidder is awarded the contract, the bidder will, within ten (10) days, enter into a formal contract for the purchase and sale of said materials. Bid security shall be payable to Flathead County and shall be in the form of lawful money of the United States: a cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft issued by a Montana bank, or a bid bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in Montana.

A performance bond will be required for the faithful performance of the successful contractor in the full amount of the bid.

Specifications, forms of contract, proposal blanks, and full instructions are on file and may be obtained at the Office of the County Commissioners, located on the third floor of the County Courthouse at 800 South Main, Room 302, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Time is of the essence. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$200 per day shall be due in the event that the contractor fails to complete the contract by April 1, 2016.

The Contractor and all subcontractors will be required to have a certificate of registration from the Employment Relations Division of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry in the proper classification. The successful bidder must contract to give preference to the employment of bona fide residents of Montana in the performance of the work. A resident bidder will be allowed a preference against the bid of any nonresident bidder from any state or county that enforces a preference for resident bidders equal to the preference given in the other state or county.

All sealed bids, plainly marked as “**Proposal for Crushing and Stockpiling Gravel**”, must be in the hands of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, 800 South Main, Room 302, Kalispell, MT 59901, on or before **8:30AM on Tuesday, February 16, 2016**. Bids will be opened and read at 9:00 AM on February 16, 2016 in the Commissioner's Chambers, located on the third floor of the County Courthouse at 800 South Main in Kalispell.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Flathead County.

The award of a bid will be made solely by the issuance of a letter of award to the successful bidder by the Office of the Flathead County Commission.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/ Pamela J. Holmquist
Pamela J. Holmquist, Chair

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